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September 7, 2004

Mr. J. Richard Collier, Esq.  
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460 James Robertson Parkway  
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***Re: Tennessee Coalition of Rural Incumbent Telephone Companies and  
Cooperatives Request for Suspension of Wireline to Wireless Number  
Portability Obligations Pursuant to Section 251(f)(2) of the  
Communications Act of 1934, as Amended  
Docket No. 03-00633***

Dear Hearing Officer Collier:

In its August 30, 2004 letter filed in the above-captioned proceeding, Verizon Wireless references the status of certain members of the Tennessee Coalition of Rural Incumbent Telephone Companies (the "Coalition") with respect to end office capability and/or other arrangements regarding Local Number Portability ("LNP"). To avoid any confusion arising from Verizon's Wireless' letter filing, the arrangements made by Crocket, Peoples and West Tennessee Telephone Companies with BellSouth are for the provision of LNP query service (database dips). BellSouth has not returned or signed the contract yet. These Coalition members are not LNP capable at the present and will not be capable until some time after September 20, 2004. In addition, Dekalb Telephone Company's switches will not be technically capable of supporting LNP until after September 20, 2004.

Regardless of the status of their respective end office capability, however, each of the Coalition members will not be able to implement intermodal LNP until the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA") addresses and provides guidance with respect to the transport and routing issues raised in the Coalition's Amended Petition. Further, once this guidance is provided, and assuming the TRA requires some form of intermodal LNP implementation by the Coalition members, the Coalition anticipates the need for at least an additional 30 to 60 days to complete testing, training, and software changes based on what that guidance entails.

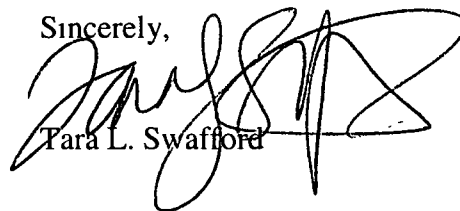
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If you have any questions, I would be happy to speak with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tara L. Swafford', with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the signature.

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